OPINION 1401
LEUCASPIS SIGNORET, 1869 (INSECTA, HOMOPTERA): CONSERVED

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Leucaspis* Burmeister, 1835 and all uses of that name prior to that by Signoret, 1869, are hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *Leucaspis* Signoret, 1869, (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Aspidiotus pini* Hartig, 1839, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *pini* Hartig, 1839, as published in the binomen *Aspidiotus pini* (specific name of the type species of *Leucaspis* Signoret, 1869), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name LEUCASPIDINAE Atkinson, 1886 (as *Leucaspiaria*) (type genus *Leucaspis* Signoret, 1869) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-group Names in Zoology.

(5) The name *Leucaspis* Burmeister, 1835, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2448

An application for the conservation of *Leucaspis* Signoret, 1869, was first received from Dr E. M. Danzig and Dr I. M. Kerzhner (*Zoological Institute, Leningrad, U.S.S.R.*) on 17 August 1983. A revised manuscript was published in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 41, pp. 101–104 (June 1984). Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to ten general and eleven specialist serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 17 January 1986 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 41, p. 103. At the close of the voting period on 17 April 1986 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-one (21) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Cocks, Savage, Willink, Starobogatov, Alvarado, Mroczkowski, Hahn, Kabata, Trjapitzin, Schuster, Uéno, Lehtinen, Ride, Halvorsen, Heppell, Bayer, Bernardi, Cogger, Thompson

Negative Votes — one (1) Dupuis.

No votes were returned from Corliss, Gruchy and Kraus.

Dupuis voted against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 41, p. 103 although he supported the conservation of *Leucaspis* Signoret. He

considered that the specific name of the type species (*pini*) should be attributed to Signoret rather than to Hartig, and commented '. . . je redoute que le néotype plus ou moins conditionnel envisagé pour le nomen dubium de Hartig ne fasse que compliquer la question. Pour éviter tout risque ultérieur d'identification erronée de l'espèce-type, il eut fallu, là encore, se référer à Signoret et si possible à son matériel'.

Bayer, although voting in favour of the proposals, commented that, in his view, the designation of a neotype for *L. pini* Hartig by Danzig and Kerzhner (*Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 41, p. 102) was not valid since not all the requirements of Article 75 of the Code had been met.

A member of the Commission questioned the status of the family name LEUCASPIDOIDAE Agassiz, 1846 (*Index Universalis*, p. 109), based on *Leucaspis* Burmeister, 1835. Since this generic name has now been totally suppressed by the Commission it is unavailable, and it follows that the Agassiz family name (which was never used) also has no standing.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

LEUCASPIDINAE Atkinson, 1886, *J. Asiatic Soc. Bengal*, vol. 55, pp. 271, 273–274

Leucaspis Signoret, 1869, *Ann. Soc. entomol. France*, (4), vol. 8, p. 865

Leucaspis Burmeister, 1835, *Arch. Naturgesch*, Jahrg. 1, vol. 2, p. 47

pini, Aspidiotus, Hartig, 1839, *Jahresberichte über die Fortschritte der Forstwissenschaft und forstlichen Naturkunde im Jahre 1836 und 1837 nebst Original-Abhandlungen aus dem Gebiete dieser Wissenschaften*. Jahrg. 1, Heft. 4, p. 642.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (1986)11 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1401.

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London
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